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CZAR SWEEPS ACROSS FOE'S BORDER INTO EAST PRUSSIA

Dashes Ten Miles Into German Territory at Johannsburg and Plunges Into Heavy Battle at Rypin, as Thorn and Koenigsberg Drives Are Renewed With Fury—Austrians Ahead in Carpathians.

Violent Fighting Marks Resumption of Battle in Flanders. Capture of Two Towns on Ypres-Roulers Line by Belgians Reported—French Maintain Positions in Bagatelle Forest in Face of Terrific Assaults.

Belief in Petrograd that the German offensive against Warsaw has collapsed is corroborated by resumption of Russian activity along the East Prussia frontier. This shift of heavy operations is seen in a big battle raging in the Serpez region beyond Rypin, which the Slavs have occupied in their progress to Thorn and in a dash 10 miles across the boundary near Johannsburg, south of the Mazurian Lake country, and affording approach to Koenigsberg by another route.

Vienna reports and Petrograd admits Russian retreat in Bukovina. The Czar's forces have been driven from the Carpathians bordering Transylvania, 40 miles to the upper Suczawa Valley and a shorter distance near Dukla Pass. However, the Russians apparently have the advantage west, in the Beskids, and near Uzok Pass.

THE WEATHER



We had a good start yesterday on the weather for the week. There is no denying that. While as a day, a perfect day, it was somewhat subject to criticism, nevertheless, since such matters are largely a matter of comparison, it was passed by the gift of censorship. One cannot look at a bird in the mouth, you understand, and during the siege of Paris men fought for the privilege of eating luscious steaks which had once been dog. However, today is today and is due for our chief consideration. After talking to the office boy and throwing up a straw and consulting the United States weather map, and calling up Mr. Bliss' office, and doing all kinds of other useless things, we venture a prediction. It is to be the nicest Tuesday, with the exception of the snow flurry about noon, we have had so far.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Snow flurries today; fair tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; moderate northwest winds. For details, see page 2.

Table with weather observations at Philadelphia, forecasts for various locations, and tide information.

Omer dispatch reports that the town of Moerslede, seven miles southwest of Roulers, has changed hands several times. The battle for the possession of the forest near Bagatelle, in the Argonne, continues, and the French announce that they are maintaining their positions against violent attacks.

CZAR ASSAILS GERMANS ON LONG EAST PRUSSIA LINE

Dashes Over Border at New Point, Battle on Thorn Route.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 9.—North of the Vistula a great battle is raging in the region of Rypin, while a large Russian force has invaded East Prussia near Johannsburg in an attempt to flank the Germans, who have resisted every effort to drive them from their trenches near Miawa. Having occupied Rypin, the Russians are trying to press on toward Gullimj and Dobryzin, which their cavalry reached in January, only to be driven back with heavy losses.

GERMAN LOSSES HEAVY IN FIERCE FLANDERS FIGHT

Reinforcements From the Aisne Hurdled Against Allies' Lines.

ST. OMER, France, Feb. 9.—The second battle of Flanders steadily is becoming more violent. The Germans are steadily bringing up reinforcements from the district about Rheims, and they are being hurled against the Allies' lines. The German losses are severe. The hospitals at Roulers are overcrowded, and the wounded pour in night and day.

OTHER WAR NEWS ON PAGE 4.

\$125,000 FINE IMPOSED ON PACKING COMPANIES

Five Adjudged Guilty of Violating Anti-trust Law.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 9.—Five big packing companies were adjudged guilty of violating the anti-trust law by the Missouri Supreme Court today. Each was fined \$25,000, which must be paid by March 1. The companies adjudged guilty are: Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Morris & Co., Hammond Packing Company and the St. Louis Dressed Beef and Provision Company.

18-YEAR-OLD HEROIN VICTIM

Detectives, Disguised as Tramps, Raid Rendezvous of Drug Fiends.

A girl not yet 18 years old was found unconscious from an overdose of cocaine or heroin in "The Arsenal," a restaurant at 10th and Winter streets, early this morning when Lieutenant Smiley and Detectives Stoeker and Barron raided the place, disguised as tramps.

NORMAN B. REAM DEAD

Millionaire Steel Man Was 71 Years Old.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Norman Bruce Ream, millionaire steel man, died in the Presbyterian Hospital here today. He was 71 years old.

SMALLPOX IN LEGISLATURE

Arizona Lawmakers Forced to Adourn Because of Disease.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 9.—The Arizona Legislature was forced to adjourn today because of smallpox developing among members in the lower house.

RAIL MILL IN OPERATION

Three Hundred Men Return to Work at Steelton Plant.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 9.—The Pennsylvania Steel Company today placed its rail mill at the Steelton plant in operation, after a suspension, on a trial order for 1000 tons of rails for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

MEDAL FOR RESCUING CHILD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Patrick W. Mulligan, of Norristown, Pa., was awarded a medal of honor by the Interstate Commerce Commission today for saving a child's life on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Norristown, August 19, 1914.

Artillery Deserter Caught

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 9.—Paul S. Smith, who on January 11 last deserted from the 11th Company of the Coast Artillery, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Du Pont, Del., was arrested in this city today. He is being held pending the arrival of army officers, who will take him back to Fort Du Pont for court-martial and punishment.

Bryan Criticized in House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Criticism of Secretary of State Bryan for filling legislative suggestions while a war is raging in Europe was made in the House today by Representative Mandell, of Wyoming.

STARS OF WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



SECRET INFLUENCES ARE THROTTLING GAS BILL, AVERS MAYOR

Councils' Finance Committee Pickles Measure That Would Save City \$70,000 a Year at Least.

Mayor Blankenburg has asserted that "some mysterious influences seem to be at work" to prevent the Finance Committee of Councils from reporting out of committee for action by the councilmanic bodies the ordinance introduced almost one year ago to change 11,002 public street lamps from gasoline to gas.

MAN ENDS LIFE WITH GAS

Suicide Due to His Inability to Work Because of Ill Health.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Feb. 9.—While the family with whom he boarded were at a moving-picture show last night, Richard Taylor, for years an employe of the Norristown Brick Company, committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas. He was 42 years old and had been unfit for work for nearly two years.

LOOKING FOR DROWNED MAN

Police Searched an Hour After He Was Seen to Fall in River.

The crew of the policeboat Stokley are grappling for the body of an unknown man who walked off the end of Fitter's rope wharf at Wissinoming, on the Delaware River, this morning, and was drowned.

GIRL TRAPPED BY FIRE, DIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Florence Busch, 13 years old, was overcome by smoke and died, and her mother, younger sister and two brothers were badly burned in a fire that swept through the three-story frame dwelling at 283 East 121st street, the Bronx, early today.

Western Cities Want Liberty Bell

Telegrams from Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, and Mayor Henry L. Jett, of Kansas City, were received today by Mayor Blankenburg requesting that the Liberty Bell be sent to the Panama-Pacific Exposition and related to Kansas through each city.

PENN NINE MAY PLAY TEAMS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Local Collegians Invited to Participate in Round-robin at Panama Exposition Next Summer.

The University of Pennsylvania baseball team, generally acknowledged to be the champion nine of the east last year, was today invited to take part in a round robin tournament at San Francisco next summer for the purpose of deciding the national college baseball championship.

ALL TIoga COUNTY SALOONS CLOSED BY COURT'S ACTION

Applications, Improperly Advertised, Are Refused.

WELLSBORO, Pa., Feb. 9.—All applications for liquor licenses in Tioga County were ruled out of court today when Judge Cameron sustained the objections of attorneys for remonstrants that the applications had not been properly advertised.

WALTER DALEY FORWARD

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THOS. O'TOOLE, GUARD & MANAGER

This aggregation of cage players met Swarthmore Prep this afternoon.

TODAY'S BASKETBALL RESULTS

Table listing basketball game results between various schools like Central High School, Southern High School, etc.

'MOLLYCODDLES,' SUNDAY'S REPLY TO DR. HIBBEN

Evangelist, in Caustic Sermon at Swarthmore, Answers President of Princeton in Spirited Manner.

"Billy" Sunday delivered one of the most caustic broadsides of his career today at Swarthmore College against those who criticized him and his choice of words. He did not mention the name of President Hibben, at Princeton University, but his statements followed directly after he had been told of dispatches from the New Jersey institution in which it was set forth President Hibben had criticized Mr. Sunday's language.

21 TRAPPED IN FLOODED MINE

Rescue Workers Rushed to Shaft to Save Imperilled Men.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 9.—Twenty-one miners were trapped in a mine at South Wellington, Vancouver Island, late today, when one of their number struck into an old working, which flooded the shaft.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The boldest kidnapping in the history of New York was perpetrated today when four men and a woman in a motorcar seized Josie Rizzotto, 15 years old, a school girl, of 1559 First avenue, and whirled her away in the car before the startled gaze of many pedestrians.

Southern High Beats Central Five

The Southern High team again defeated Central High, leader of the Scholastic League, this afternoon at Cloverdale Hall. The final score was 22 to 21.

March's Appeal to Be Heard Today

Counsel for George H. March, who was found guilty of the murder of S. Lewis Finkler in Delaware County in the fall of 1914, will begin an appeal in the Supreme Court today from a decision in the lower court. March, together with Roland W. Pennington, was found guilty of murder in the first degree and was sentenced to be electrocuted. The case was to have been reopened yesterday, but as March's counsel had not stated clearly the questions to be determined, the court allowed another day for preparation.

West Philadelphia Ties Central

By defeating Northeast High this afternoon, West Philadelphia High ties Central High for first place in the Scholastic League race.

Would Prevent Lusitania Incidents

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Prevention of incidents similar to the hoisting of the Stars and Stripes on the British liner Lusitania was proposed in a House bill introduced by Representative Martin, of South Dakota, proposing a \$10,000,000 fund and confiscation of the offending foreign vessel for such an act.

Berserford Wants Raiders Hanged

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Lord Charles Berserford will demand in the House of Commons that the German aerial raiders be treated as marauders and hanged in public for the murder of women and children if caught.

CONNELLY BOWS TO DEMAND FOR TRANSIT ACTION

Chairman Announces Councils' Finance Committee Will Meet Within a Few Days.

John F. Connelly, chairman of Councils' Finance Committee, surrendered to universal public demand late this afternoon. He announced that the Finance Committee would meet within a very few days.

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